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AREAS OF RESEARCH

AoS: Metaphysics, Social Philosophy (esp. Disability), Practical Rationality
AoC: Philosophy of Action, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

Current Assistant Professor at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

2024 - 2025 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

2022- 2024 Research Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities:
 ‘Human Abilities’, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

EDUCATION

2018-2022 PhD Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

2015-2016 MA Philosophy, King’s College London (*Distinction*)

2011-2014 BA Liberal Arts, University College Maastricht (*Cum Laude*)
2013 University of Sydney, Exchange semester

PUBLICATIONS

Kikkert, S. and Schoonen, T. (2026). Knowing What You Can Do: An Exploration-based Epistemology of Ability, *Synthese*, 207 (151).

Maier, J. and Kikkert, S. (2025). Abilities, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2025 Edition), E.N. Zalta & U. Nodelman (eds.), URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2025/entries/abilities/>

Kikkert, S. and Segundo-Ortin, M. (2025). Disability, Affordances, and the Dogma of Harmony: Socializing the EE-model of Disability, *Topoi*, DOI:10.1007/s11245-024-10120-0

Kikkert, S. (2022), Ability’s Two Dimensions of Robustness, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 122(3), 348-357.

BOOK REVIEWS

Kikkert, S. and Vetter, B. (2024), 'Options and Agency' by John T. Maier, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, DOI:10.1080/00048402.2024.2339470

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 LMU-UC Berkeley Research in the Humanities Workshop Grant (with Diego Garcia)

2023 DFG Workshop Grant (with Gen Eickers, Leda Berio, and Benedict Kenyah-Dampety)

2018-2022 LSE PhD Studentship (four years of fees + stipend)

2021 APA Graduate Student Stipend

2019/2020 LSE Departmental Teaching Award 2x

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Irrational Option Exclusion?”

Research Seminar in Decision and Action Theory, LMU, January 2026

“Ability Knowledge and Epistemic Disadvantage”

Workshop on the Epistemology of Ability, ‘Human Abilities’ Berlin, June 2024

Epistemic and Other Forms of Normativity, University of Luxembourg, October 2023

Joint Session, Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, London, July 2023

LMU Research Seminar in Decision Theory and Action, Munich, January 2023

“Disability as a Lack of Society-relative Abilities”

Heidelberg Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, November 2025

Social Ontology Society Annual Conference, Trinity College Dublin, August 2025

Workshop: (Mental) Disability, ‘Human Abilities’, Berlin, July 2025

MCMP Colloquium, Munich, July 2024

“The Acceptance Norm of Intention”

Acceptance: Between Cognition and Action, TU Dresden, January 2025

“Modelling Agentive Modality: What’s the Use?”

LMU-Cambridge Workshop ‘Pragmatism in the Formal Sciences’, Munich, March 2025

“Knowing What You Can Do (Without Practical Knowledge)”

Workshop: Practical Representation and Abilities, LMU Munich, July 2024

“Valuing Ability, Valuing Disability”

Workshop: The Value in Abilities, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, July 2024

“(Dis)ability, Normality, and Intrinsicness”

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Vienna, August 2023

Understanding Value XI, Sheffield, March 2023

“Ontically Unjust Inability Kinds”

Workshop: Social Interaction and Social Abilities, Berlin, November 2023

“Ability’s Two Dimensions of Robustness”

Joint Session, Postgraduate Session, Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, July 2021

Mind, Language and Metaphysics Graduate Conference, Durham, May 2021

“Good Prospects for a Modal Account of Ability”

Pacific APA, April 2021

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Online, August 2020

TEACHING

SS 2026 Social Minds, LMU, Undergraduate Seminar

WS 25/26 Options, LMU, Advanced Seminar

SS 24/25 Ability and Disability, LMU, Undergraduate Seminar

SS 25/26 Modal Metaphysics and Epistemology, LMU, Advanced Seminar

WS 24/25 Agency and Social Interaction, LMU, Advanced Seminar

WS 24/25 Attention!, LMU, Undergraduate Seminar

2020-21 Philosophy of the Social Sciences, LSE, Undergraduate Seminar

2019-20 and 2018-19 The Big Questions: Introduction to Philosophy, LSE, Undergraduate Seminar

2020 Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (UK Higher Education Academy)

THESIS SUPERVISION

MA PROJECTS

2026 Thesis on the Moral Role of Persuasion in Group Agents (Primary Supervisor)

2025 Thesis on Free Will (Examiner)

2024 Thesis on Subjective Physicalism (Examiner)

BA PROJECTS

2026 Thesis on Rational Polarization (Primary Supervisor)

2025 Thesis on Free Will (Primary Supervisor)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SWIP Ambassador, Department of Philosophy, LMU Munich

Deputy Women's Representative, Department of Philosophy, LMU Munich

2025 Co-organiser of Workshop: (Mental) Disability, 'Human Abilities', Berlin

2025 Co-organiser LMU-UCB Conference: Metaphysics and Politics across the History of Philosophy

2025/2026 Organiser MAP session for the Munich Summer School in Mathematical Philosophy

2024 Advisor at ThPhil Workshop: Applying for a PhD in the UK, LMU Munich

2023 Co-organiser of Workshop: Social Interaction and Social Abilities: Norms, Scripts, and Injustices, Human Abilities Berlin

2021-22 Co-organiser of the LSE Minorities and Philosophy Chapter

2021-22 Co-organiser of the LSE Choice Group

2019-20 Convener of the LSE PhD Work in Progress Seminar

Reviewer for *Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Ergo*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, *Erkenntnis*, *Acta Analytica*, *Inquiry*, *Metaphysics*, and *Philosophers' Imprint*.

REFERENCES

Available on request.